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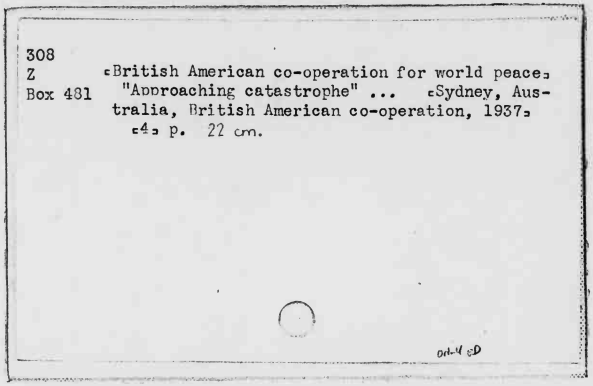

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THE SUN

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1937

EYES ON WASHINGTON

IT appears inevitable that sooner or later the two great English-speaking nations will come closer together.

No political questions divide them. Indeed, apart from their common faith in democracy, their world interests are closely convergent, and their common aim is to keep the peace.

The United States, contiguous as it is to Canada, and closely bound to that Dominion by the common interests of trade and self-protection, forms with Britain and Australia a triangular influence in the Pacific, an influence which, were it crystallised by means of a security pact, would be paramount and irresistible.

It is, therefore, with considerable interest that Australians will look towards Washington, where conversations are in progress between representatives of the British and United States Governments, conversations declared unofficially as a prelude to closer economic and possibly to protective co-operation between the two nations.

The feeling between Britain and the United States has never been better than it is now. This improvement may be dictated by the growing realisation that the interests of trade are subservient to the interests of world-peace; that, after another great war, markets for the exporting nations would practically cease to exist, and that a rapprochement between the two great democracies would be a most powerful influence for peace, and tend to check the warlike adventures of the dictators.

. . . . . .

There can be not the slightest doubt that the best possible news for Australia would be the conclusion of a Pacific Pact between the Empire and the United States, and that is why the present Washington conversations are being watched with such interest at Canberra.

So far it has been assumed that the United States Government, following its policy of isolation from the politics of Europe, has been unwilling to consider such a pact because of Britain's commitments on the Continent. Yet, apart from any menace from the aspirations of European dictators, there is a common Eastern problem, which may possibly be separable from the politics of the West.

From "Sun" Leader

British American Co-operation For World Peace

OBJECTS:

As adopted at a public meeting held at the Millions Club, Sydney, on July 15, 1936.

To develop closer relations between the British Commonwealth of Nations and the United States of America, and assure world peace.

Sir Henry Braddon, K.B.E., presided, and the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. R. Marcus Clark (then President Sydney Chamber of Commerce), seconded by Sir Arthur Rickard (President Millions Club) speaking in their personal capacity:

1. That those present at this meeting of representative citizens, realising that the prospect of World peace can be immeasurably strengthened by effective co-operation between the British Empire and the U.S.A., agree to form themselves into an Association to pursue that object.

The objective of the organisation shall be, inter alia

The attainment by agreement between the Governments and peoples (or by any other suitable means) of close co-operation between the British Empire and the U.S.A. for the maintenance of World peace, by

(a) Acquainting the people of Australia with the necessity for action on these lines,

(b) Actively co-operating with all Associations devoted to like aims in other parts of the Empire and in America.

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Paris 23/2/37

"A warning that the United States might be compelled to intervene in a European War was given by the United States Ambassador to France (Mr. W. C. Bullitt) in the course of a speech, which the Paris correspondent of the News-Chronicle understands President Roosevelt instigated."

Herald Cable 24/2/37

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